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SUBJECT: BAKR'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT ON ENERGY MEETING

REF: BAGHDAD 39

1. LENGTH OF PRESIDENT BAKR'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER ON ENERGY MEETING (REFTEL) AND FACT THAT IT WAS MAJOR SUBJECT OF EDITORIAL COMMENT FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK DEMONSTRATE THAT GOI PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS FORUM FOR ENNUNCIATING ITS POLICIES.

2. IN IRAQI CONTEXT, REPLY WAS NON-POLEMICAL; E. G. NO MENTION MADE OF ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM OR U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY. IN ADDITION TO REJECTING U.S. LEADERSHIP FOR MEETINGS AND PREFERRING UN AUSPICES, LETTER CLARIFIED GOI POLICY ON NECESSITY OF EXAMINING RISING PRICES OF OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AS WELL AS OIL;
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STATED OPPOSITION TO RAPID INCREASE IN OIL PRICES WHICH

IT ALLEGED MAN
IPULATED BY OIL CARTEL; AND ACCEPTED
SHAH'S POSITION THAT PRICE OF OIL SHOULD RELATE DIRECTLY
TO COST OF ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND THAT OIL
SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR "NOBLE" PURPOSES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY MAJOR DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN GOI AND USG POSITIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS, GOI
VIEWS ARE WIDELY SHARED AMONG IRAQIS. USINT STRONGLY
RECOMMENDS THEREFORE THAT DIALOGUE BE KEPT OPEN AND
FURTHER USG MESSAGES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ON THIS
SUBJECT ALSO BE SENT TO GOI. LOWRIE

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